FORTUNES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

A Bank Which is Paying Sixty Per Cent and Other Institutions Which Are Making Money.

The Three Big Banks of Manila and How They Are Managed -They Charge for Everything and Make Gold Galore-The Espanol-Filipino Bank and Its Curious Concession-Can a National Bank be Started—Something About Interest Rates and Bank Profits—A Savings Bank and a Pawn Shop Run by the Church—Money in Telephones, Street Bailroads and Electric Lights—What the Present Concessions Are and How Something About It Them—The Electrical Possibilities of the Companies Holderic Light Plant of Manila—Some Posters Phylogogas, Electrostate in Lyson and Electrical Possibilities of the Church Schotzer Concessions and Electrical Possibilities of the Companies Holderic Light Plant of Manila—Some Posters Phylogogas, Electrostate in Lyson and Electrical Possibilities of the Phylogogas, Electrostate in Lyson and Electrostate Possibilities of the Phylogogas and Pleasurers of the Phylogogas and Phylogo the Philippines—Eletments in Luzon and Elsewhere—Opporsible Railroad Inves—Where the Profitable Lines of the Futunities for Millionsook at the Manila Dagupan Road and ture Will Run-A Ls History and Financial Condition,

FRANK G. CARPENTER. Summer S

Marilla, June 18, 1900 .- I have been locking up the chances for American capital in the Philippine Islands, and I find there are legions. Millions of dolhars could be invested right here in Mapila and made to pay such dividends as would bulge out the eyes of the stockholders with astonished delight.

Take, for instance, the establishment of a big American bank with branches in China, Japan, New York and London, This is a country of 8,000,000 people, with a foreign business approximating \$10,000,000 (gold) a year, and it has only three banks worthy of notice. These are the Hongkong and Shanghai bank, the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China and the Banco Espanol-Filipine. The first two are British institutions, and the third is the bank which did the business of the Spanish government before the American occupation, These are practically the only banks in the Philippine Islands.

SINTY PER CENT A YEAR.

The British banks have large capital. The Chartered bank is represented by shout \$11,000,000 gold, and the Hongkong and Shanghai bank by more than \$15,ass,000, including the paid-up capitals, reserve funds and reserve liabilities of

All of those banks are making big dividends. They do chiefly an exchange, credit and discount business, charging high rates for any and every accommodations. They catch you going and comg and squeeze a good percentage off of every dellar that passes through their hands. Why, if you should draw \$100 changing it back and forth into sliver and gold, by night time it would procommission for making the exchanges. The Hongkong and Shanghai bank, in bank notes. This is the case with the notes of the Hongkong branch when are by law officers of the bank. presented at Shanghal.

As an evidence of the profits of these institutions, I have before me the halfyearly statement of the Hongkong and ing with last December. The figures are | doubtedly be declared null and void. In silver, the money I shall use in the remainder of this letter. You have only PAWNBROKER'S SHOP. to divide the amounts by two to reduce deducting all bad or doubtful than \$3,000,000. This was on a capital of \$10,000,000, and it means a profit of 30

During that period the bank did a silver and clothes and collateral. its stockholders, added almost a million bank not to pay his church dues.

I should think a good savings bank or \$1,000,000 more than its capital stock.
This bank has always made money. Manila by the business of the branch | not like a draft or check of less than bere, which is the chief depository of | \$50.

just before they reach the colony and

families and fourteen nice brick dwel-

architecture would do justice to our

o get away from, Approaching it from

ig hills over a poor road, while from the east one crosses the Sierra Madre

one has to cross a series of roll-

In fact it is surrounded by high

wash of the river.

UTAH EXPEDITION

Copyright, 1900, by Frank G. Carpenter | handles several million dollars' worth of | and loan associations later on, and, in- | half a million pesos and pays dividends our government funds monthly. It charges the highest rates of exchange, and does it in such a way that many of the Americans are praying and per cent a month to 25 and 30 per cent hoping for an American bank. Such a bank would, of course, have the government funds, and upon these alone it could make a profit.

and even more a year. Much money is loaned upon crops, and in many cases the lender stipulates that the interest be paid not in money, but in

A QUEER BANK FOR THE UNITED STATES.

The Banco Espanol-Filipino occupies a curious financial position in our is-lands. It is a Spanish institution., but t claims to have a concession by which of circulation. This was its position ander the Spanish regime, and today the only notes in circulation here are

tional bank, nor to issue greenbacks or other circulating notes. I doubt, howgress, and with a view to such a com plication as has arisen. I have had access to the by-laws of the bank, and can give a little of its history. It was established in 1854, with a capital of \$400,000 and a charter of twenty-five years. In 1876, the time at which this charter expired, an extension of twenty-five years was granted, thus bring-ing its life up to 1991. The last exten-sion on which the claim of the bank is lation of the by-laws and regulations of the bank on file with our governor general, and it was probably of too late a date to get in.

The Banco Espanol-Filipino has al ways been a money-making institution through the Spanish officers, its stock is now quoted at 100 per cent above par at one of the banks and spend a day It paid not long ago a half-yearly dividend of 8 per cent, and that of \$1,500,000, the amount to which the cap hably have diminished to nothing, the time. By the laws of the bank the gov bank have eaten up the whole as its ernor general of the islands is its chief director, and 10 per cent of the profits must go to the directors and the gov-The Hongkong and Shanghal bank, in some cases charges for cashing its own that the bank earned during the above

I understand that the decision as to the continuance of the bank is to be yearly statement of the Hongkong and last concession, it it were gotten after the beginning of the war, should un-

There is only one savings bank in them to gold. This statement shows that | Manila, and this is combined with a the bank made during that six months, sort of a government pawnbroker's after deducting all bad or doubtful shop. The institutions are run by the amounts to about \$40,000. The savings department gives an interest rate of 4 per cent in six months, or of 60 per cent | per cent, and the pawn department charges 7 per cent on loans with gold business of more than \$200,000,000. Its deposits were more than \$87,000,000, and morning for the withdrawal of de-

This bank has always made money, but its profits have been materially in-

cases the lender stipulates that the interest be paid not in money, but in a part of the harvest. In such cases as much as 50 per cent is often charged. by the Filipinos.

CONCESSIONS FOR MANILA The government will have to do some phones, electric lights and other things The Banco Espanol-Filipino claims that the United States, by the treaty of Paris, has no right to establish a na-

eral, and it has so far been hard to get I have, however, learned the

even at this rate with an improved service and new telephones the receipts would be enormous. The government has its own telephone service, using Bell

STREET RAILWAYS.

There will be a big field here for street raiway companies. At present the only tramway of any kind in this city of 200,000 is one run by Filipino ervice, with cars at such irregular ining to distance, but with a good service and an electrical equipment the travel would be so great that the company would pay well. At present there are only about six miles of track, but this could be almost indefinitely extended, bringing in a number of the suburbs not now reached.

The railroads already contemplated of its population, but the government may think it necessary to construct some lines as a military necessity. They would be so great that the company would pay well. At present there are only about six miles of track, but this could be almost indefinitely extended, bringing in a number of the suburbs not now reached.

The railroads already contemplated

ting about is in little cabs called quilez be profitably built. The passengers and caramattas, pulled by ponies, which and the freight already in existence will foli one terribly as they carry you over the cobblestone streets. As it is, there are not enough of these to supply the demand, and the only way that one can their stock increase in value right along.

of \$550,000 (silver), and it is now paying dividends of 5 per cent. As to the length of its concession I do not know, but I understand it has so violated its agreement with the city that the con-cession could easily be set aside. The stock of the company is now selling at

of 6 per cent.

A LAND FITTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

Outside the plants above mentioned Philippine Islands, although the coundown its mountains. There are many waterfalls and strong currents which run the year round, and which could be used for the generating of power easily be had from the streams and the great market of China might be par-tially supplied from here. The same

RAILROAD INVESTMENTS.

from the United States to Siam, esti-mate that \$150,000,000 of American capital might be profitably invested in the building of railroads in the Philippine Islands. I cannot give accurate estimpossible to carry on a conversation mates of what railroads will cost here, but there is no reason why they should cost more than in the United States, and the lines that might be profitably con-

will see something of the enormous pos-sibilities of such investments. Luzen is as long as from New York to Pittsburg. timore to New York. It is in shape like an immense bird squatting down upon China, with its great body toward the north and its long neck, craw and head

It is the richest bird in the aviary of service, with cars at such irregular in-tervals that you often have to wait from fifteen to thirty minutes for a car

The passengers PHILIPPINES.

At present there is but one railroad in Luzon, and this is the only one in the Philippine Islands. It is 120 miles long. running from Manila north through the valley to the Gulf of Lingayan. It taps

was ninety-nine years from about 1888. and at the end of that time it was to clong to the government. The railroad has not conformed to the terms of the agreed. It has since increased its capital to \$17,000,000, and it probably cap pay dividends on that amount. The road is well built, but is now in very bad repair, having been torn up again and again during the war. It is now being operated by the United States army, two passenger trains each way passing over it every day. The company demands heavy damages of the Americans for the destruction caused by the war, its claims running up into y the war, its claims running up into

SOME POSSIBLE RAILROADS IN LUZON.

Among the railroads which will prob

Among the railroads which will prob-ably be planned as soon as the islands have become thoroughly pacified are lines from Dagupan north along the west coast to San Fernando, Vigan, Loag and the extreme northwestern of of Luzon, and also from Bacolor of Manila through the provinces of cer be used for the generating of power for all kinds of factories. Some of the ugar mills are now turned by old-tashioned water wheels, while others which are run by steam engines and uffaloes, are near to releasely water. In the southern hard of Manhia and would open up territory which is now worth little because it is so far from the markets. They would open some of the best of the timber lands, and also a fich grazing and agricultural country.

this part a of the way or which migh be an extension of it is projected from Manila aroung the great lake at the east, Laguna de Bay, running along the shores through the towns of Calamba Los Banos and Santa Cruz and the I see that Mr. Barret, former minister rom the United States to Siam, estimate that \$150,000,000 of American caping big bird of Luzon. This railroad sho be a gold mine to its builders, country is rich beyond conception, its posisbilities in the way of hemp and other money products are enormous It would bring the hot mineral springs of Los Banos within easy access of Manila and would make them a resort The military value of the railroad can

> RAILROAD IN THE VISAYANS AND MINDANAO.

not be overestimated,

As soon as conditions have become settled there will be applications for concessions to build railroads in the greater lands of the south. Mindanao, which is one of the very richest of the Philippines, will be slower in having roads built than some of the Visayan islands, on account of the sparseness of its population, but the government

urban towns—Jaro and Molo-as well as in Hollo itself. Panay is about the size of Connecticut, and its population 2,000,000 pounds of sugar a year. It has rich rice lands, but imports yearly about 50,000,000 pounds of rice. It is so formed as to mountains and streams so formed as to mountains and streams that all of its railroads might be run

A railroad possibly might be built along the coast of Negros, which is one of the richest of the sugar-raising islands, and noted for the fertility of its lands. The island is 130 miles long, with an average width of 36 miles. It has a chain of low mountains running

had credits, loans and discounts of cre than \$50,000. It paid \$700,000 to encounted amost a million a new profit and loss account and put one than its capital stock. Otherwise profits have been materially ingregified spready mounted to \$11,000,000 more than its capital stock. The profits have been materially ingregified spready spready in the distribution to the country of the following spready amounted to \$11,000,000 more than its capital stock. The plant there is no place for them to deposit small savings. The big banks do not make distribution to the country of the c

Medical congress, which met the other disintect the carriages in which consumptives have traveled. In any case, on account of the tapestry, curtains, unanimously of opinion that the various governments ought to take some steps to ward off the evil, and Dr. Callivokos, of Athens, even maintained that no one should be employed in a public or private capacity who was not absolutely free from the disease, and that any persons who are now employed and who have in their systems the germs of consumption should at once be dismissed. The exact physical condition of each employe, he pointed out, could be readily ascertained by making a thorough medical examination, which should be

Dr. Aussel, of Lille, said that it would be well if every house owner were obliged, before he rented his property, to make a full statement, not only in regard to its sanitary condition, but also in regard to all cases of infectious diseases which may have occurred in it. as well as the number of times that it was necessary to disinfect it. He all maintained that the laws of hygiene should be clearly taught both to children and to soldiers.

Attention was then called to the fact that in several government offices in Italy consumptive employes are now assigned to work which does not bring them into contact with the public, and that the women employed in the na-tional cigar factories are now regularly examined by government physicians, with the result that those among them who are found to be consumptives are discharged, but receive a small pension for life. The question of contagion on railroad carriages was also discussed and Dr. Sanarelli said that the evil would doubtless be much lessened if the companies would only substitute lino-leum for the customary carpets in the carriages, and if, instead of the velvet and other heavy stuffs on the seats and cushions, they would use some light material, which could be easily washed.

and the second s Some very novel suggestions in re- | the infectious diseases, and, therefore, gard to consumption were made at the disinfect the carriages in which convelvet and decorations of such car-riages, it would be very difficult to dis-infect them thoroughly. Finally, Dr. Sanarelli maintained that on every railplain how consumptive passengers could be cajoled or coerced into occupying these carriages during their journeys. That they would occupy them their own volition and thus publicly ex-ploit themselves as the victims of a

contagious disease, is not likely.

"The Influence of Climate on the Evolution of Consumption" was the title of a paper by Dr. Sannelongue, in which he described a curious experiment recently made by him. Selecting 150 healthy guinea pigs, he inoculated them on the same day with the culture of Koch's bacillus of consumption, and then he divided them into three equal gion of Haute-Loire, while the third lot he placed in the ceilar of his labora-tory. In due time he examined the ani-mals and found that these which he had placed in the cellar were the strongest and healthiest. He accounts for this strange result on the ground that there was an equal temperature in the cellar. He adds, however, that what may benefit guinea pigs may prove prejudicial to human beings, and thus he tacitly admits that the air of the seashore pomountains is likely to prove more bene ficial to consumptives than that of a

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is a high mountain on the top of which are rich mines now in operation. Just between the mines in a ravine are some the dense foliage of the trees we found the some miners or prospectors a copper ourselves in what might be called "pragment perhaps six or eight inches ong in the image of a horse. Dr. Keats of Colonia Juarez, who has seen it, called my attention to it and on my matches, and by going ahead and strikcalled my attention to it, and on my matches, and by going ahead and strik- gone. The next morning our mules were at present, he pointed out, tubercu- Sol

suggestion will endeavor to secure it for us. It may not be worth much, but if one can show that it was found before Dublan, July 29.-White Colonia Caxaca is one of the smallest of our the Spanish conquest, it would be worth considerable. Below the ruins and in-Mexican colonies, it is not the least terrupted at places is an earthquake fis-sure extending along the side of the Batepito valley for forty miles, and I do not know how far below. The earthinteresting by any means. It is the first settled in the State of Sonora. It was, until the settlement of Batepito, quake occurred some eleven years ago, during which the valley sunk from ten to fourteen feet, parting from the mountains along their base. Today the the lowest in altitude, being only about 1.200 feet. Its climate is semi-tropical. It is the only colony situated on a river, place of parting may easily be seen, like a canal or dugway running along whose waters never cease to flow. Batepito, lower down on the same river, is no exception, for the waters sink

IN CAMP AT DUBLAN

the foot of the mountains. On the 24th we bade good bye to Bish. op George Naegle and the good people of Oaxaca, but not until we had celespring up again just below it. It has brated with them this pioneer day, and started for Dubian. Our road passed over some low, winding hills, so wind-ing that after we had traveled six miles more brick houses in it for its size than any other colony. There are forty-three ling houses, some of them in size and we were only three on our way, until it dropped into the ravine of the Rio fger cities in Utah, Oxaca is the most o reach, and the most difficult

mountains, and is located on a measures fifty feet. of ground thrown up in ages Formerly two monkeys were found along this creek, but they were unhap-Father Naegle and Parson were seeking homes for thempily killed. Mountain lions and bears are abundant. It was on this creek that a x and children, and pleased with location, decided to make the pur-e. They obtained 100,000 acres of few years ago one of Brother Naegle's sons, 23 years old, was killed by a of which was good farm land, range land, for \$35,000, Mexican he name first given was Colonia.
o. in honor of the man through purchase was made, but was ards changed by his request to in honor of his native State. a spring of '92 several families. brother went on, passed over a little hill and just as he was descending into the thicket the bear, without a warning growl, jumped on him, throwing him to the ground. He defended himself as best he could till his brother came, when a shot or two finished the bear. But the boy had received his bear. But the boy had received his bear. But the boy had received his bear as for the finished the bear as for two finished the bear. But the boy had received his bear as for the finished the the finishe g them, Father Naegle, Parson ams, Brother Dillman, Brother il. Brother Sextus Johnson, Mark Nelson, Brother J. H. rd and Brother James H. Mared and began to make homes. clear the land of its heavy growth resquit. The results of their labors how apparent in the comfortable death wound. Several places about his head the bear's teeth had punctured the skull, while his hands and arms were litterally chewed to a pulp. He ses and productive gardens and was able to ride home, however, but died in a day or two. Night came upon us before we reached our proposed camp ground, the sky became overcast with heavy black clouds, and owing to orth of Oaxaca and across the river

THE TAXABLE PARTY OF THE PARTY fore breakfast, as we had made a dry a visitor, a veritable American tramp looking for work. The man asked for a announcement and a second and a second announcement and a second and a drink of water, and when I suggested that perhaps he was hungry he replied in a pitiful tone of voice that he had not eaten for two days. The way he ate what we gave him rather suggested that for once in his life he had told the passed on towards the Pilaes mines in the tops of the high mountain, and we came on to the State of Chihuahua A half mile brought us to the summi an important place in many respects. It is the water shed of the continent. separating the waters of the Pacific from those of the Atlantic. There are mountains west higher than that, and which would appear to be the back bone but they are rent by deep canyons which give an easy, though violent passage for the waters. It is also the dividing line between the state of So-

nora and Chihuabua. Down the canyon we passed several stacks of baled hay. After the rainy season the grass is so luxuriant that it is cut and baled for hay with great profit. Five miles from the summit Pulpita, or Pulpit Creek, just above the huge rock called the Plepita. The bot- ered in the season thereof with waving tom of this ravine is well wooded, prom-linently among the trees we noticed the cottonwood, the cyprus and the ash. Neither are the trees small, for many of is owned by an English lord named the cottonwoods measure from twenty to thirty feet in circumfence, and one called the "big tree," so we were told, seems to have plenty of stock and endless acres of land, all of which, when he dies, will likely go to a niece negro wench who now plays the role of "my lady of the ranch." As the grass was very poor without, I sent a request, asking permission to put our animals in his pasture to feed, offering to pay for the accommodation. His reply was "No," with emphasis, "the grass is sons, 23 years old, was killed by a bear. He and his brother, the present Bishop, were out hunting and had wounded the bear, but the beast got away. While following him a cartridge became lodged in George Naegie's gun and he stopped to get it out, but his brother went on, passed over a little bill and just as he was descending into

> ing we had a new experience. A storm came up, which, while it was approach-ing us, was very interesting. At first it suggested a fog, for the clouds it suggested a fog. for the clouds hugged the earth, but the temperature was so even it could not be fog. Neither could it be rain, for the part next the earth traveled in advance of the cloud show. White we warm wonderly the above. While we were wondering, the wind struck us, but we could see noth-ing. We found ourselves, however, in a few moments, to our great surprise, in the midst of the supposed fog. It was a dust storm.
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> The next morning our mules were

While packing, however, we had | dent, we reached Dublan, and tomor- | there,

ing a light occasionally we succeeded in making some headway. Several times we found ourselves on the edge of a dugway, or going straight for a high jump off, but no accident happened, and about ten o'clock we reached camp.

The next morning we rolled out before we found them. They had gone back, though hobbled, to the Ojitos ranch, probably for water, and were quite likely started on the road by the storm of last night.

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